

Hall Murder Solutions By Readers Aid Shylock

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"I believe a woman in a fit of temporary insanity attacked Mrs. Mills and killed Hall when he came to Mrs. Mills' defense," began the first letter I opened this morning. It came from Elizabeth Vanderheider, in Yoakum, Texas.

"It would seem," began Dr. Watson, "that the authorities are on the right track—"

"My dear Watson," I replied. "You have a 'single track' mind. The great public does not agree with you."

"As you know, I have frankly admitted my inability to solve this baffling four-year-old crime myself. That is the reason I have offered \$1,000 to GRAPHIC readers who would send me the first correct solutions."

"The letters I have received range from suggestions that the double murder was the work of tramps to those directly accusing every one so far mentioned in the case. Many incline to this prediction:—

"Even if the state has the guilty ones in its net THERE WILL NEVER BE A SINGLE CONVICTION."

"Yet, Watson, I'll say this: From my readers I have received several illuminating suggestions which have gone far in tearing aside the veil of mystery about the case. But there is a great deal yet to be done."

"read these extracts:—

Some Suggestions

"Mills followed his wife."—Mrs. William Redderson, 188 North 9th St., Paterson, N. J.

"Third degree" the one who cleaned Mrs. Hall's coat."—H. L. Smith, 158 McDougal St., Brooklyn.

"The killer is still uncaught; the motive ransom."—Vivia La Verne, 261 West 138th St., city.

"Mrs. Hall never did the killing—she may know who did."—Miss Anna Repkie, 207 West Grand St., Rahway, N. J.

"The authorities have the wrong parties."—Marie L. Ibero, 163 9th St., Midland Beach, S. I.

"They are on the right track, but they will never convict any one."—Ruth Lundstrom, 1010 Cross Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

"The pig woman" tells the truth."—Anna Belle Flippen, 366 West 55th St., New York.

"Let New Jersey hire a Scotland Yard detective. Timothy Pfeiffer is too smart for them."—Mrs. Margaret C. Tombs, 7 Washington Ave., Springfield, N. J. Box 126.

"Here is my offer:—

"The first correct solution of the Hall-Mills case that comes to The GRAPHIC will receive \$500. Then additional awards of \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10, until the \$1,000 is exhausted. The correct solution will be based on court findings. You may send in as many solutions as you wish. None received AFTER OCTOBER 2. Address your letter to:—

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ROBS HEADQUARTERS OF CHIEF OF POLICE

PASADENA.—To commit burglary upon the premises of the chief of police is hardly the better part of valor, but, nevertheless, it was successfully accomplished when some one entered the campaign headquarters of Chief of Police Kelley of Pasadena, now a candidate for sheriff, and stole the only electric fan in the office. Detectives investigating say it was a professional job.

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tember 14, 1922, will be remanded to jail or her bail increased.

Quizzing Witnesses

While Simpson was conferring with Commissioner John Beggans, his subordinates were busy questioning witnesses.

The state is anxious to bolster up its case in view of the fact that four years ago, according to reports, Justice Parker wrote a letter to the grand jury which heard Hall-Mills evidence, congratulating them on their good sense in not returning indictments.

Gov. A. Harry Moore of New Jersey today reiterated his faith in Senator Simpson, said he would give him any aid he wanted, and asserted that the investigation was progressing satisfactorily, as far as he was concerned.

Simpson today regarded the failure of William Gummere, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, to hear McCarter's application for bail for his clients yesterday in Newark, as a good omen.

Confident of Victory

"If the investigation continues to reveal new evidence, I feel confident, as does Gov. Moore, that the guilty will be brought to justice," he said.

State troopers under Major Mark O. Kimberling, Patrick Hayes, chief of Hudson county detectives, and Capt. Harry Walsh, of the Jersey City police, were busy gathering up loose ends of evidence.

They questioned Lillian Murphy, said to have been in Buccleugh Park on the night of the murder with Robert Adrian, from whom they never have had a complete story, and were planning to question Adrian.

Hasn't Told All

Another witness was Christopher Huebner, policeman on duty there on the night of the killings, who, Underwood said, "hasn't told all he knows."

Allen Bennett, who talked with William Phillips, night watchman for the New Jersey College of Women, shortly after Phillips says he observed Mrs. Hall on the night of the murder, also was questioned. He is an expert marksman, it is said, and a retired business man.

The investigators also are probing reports that money has been handed over to witnesses in an effort to thwart them in the last few days.

Others Under Fire

Others questioned were Alf Butler, who is reported to have repudiated his testimony that he saw Henry Carpenter leave the Hall home with a box and papers the day the bodies were found, but who, investigators say, has not done so; Sheriff Bogart T. Conklin, who has refused to sign statements made by him to the police, and Joseph Novatto, assistant to former County Detective George Totten, who is reported to have changed his story of whether he did any investigating four years ago.

Inspector Underwood said specifically that the witnesses who have been found or substantiate the "pig woman's" story never have been examined before, and their names never have been used in connection with the case. He referred to them as "man and women," indicating several, but refused to disclose their identities.

He declared that none was able to identify any one taking part in the murder.

Calls This Summer Most Healthful In Years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (By U. P.).—The United States is enjoying one of its most healthful summers, Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon general of the United States, said today.

"The summer thus far has been climatically good for health," Dr. Cumming said. "There have been few sudden changes in temperature."

"Better health is due to increased knowledge as well as a good season. People in America now take more care in selecting foods and wear summer apparel in warm weather instead of bundling up for style, and this is beneficial."

Death Plunge Is Probed as Mystery

Police today are investigating the mysterious plunge down an air shaft in the Broadway Central Hotel taken by a man giving his name as Simon Monene, 32, of 648 East Market St., Elmira, N. Y. Hotel employees, after being attracted by his moans and rescuing him, declared his name was not on the hotel register. He was only partly clothed. He is dying in St. Vincent's Hospital. He fell seven floors.

Says Pacific Is Future War Spot

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., Aug. 24.—War looms threateningly in the Pacific because of certain Far East conditions, Rear Admiral William V. Pratt, president of the Naval War College, Newport, told the Institute of Politics today.

He stated that present world conditions are dangerous, though not as acute as those of Europe in 1914. However, he asserted, if the United States is drawn into a war in the Pacific "it will be due to blundering."

HEARING TODAY ON BUS BID TO BUY CAR LINE

The application of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company to acquire 90,200 shares of the common stock of the New York Railways Corporation will come before the Transit Commission this morning at a public hearing.

The two companies had previously been linked by a joint application for bus franchises, which are still under consideration by the Board of Estimates in conjunction with more than forty other applications.

ESCAPES FALLING ROOF, DIES OF HEART FAILURE

BUENOS AIRES (By U. P.).—Perez Molina, a commercial traveler, escaped death in the city of Mendoza when a large galvanized iron sheet fell from a roof and landed within a few inches of him. A few minutes later he entered a restaurant, seated himself at a table, and died from heart failure.

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The pretty 16-year-old wife of Edward W. Browning, 51-year-old real estate man, received reporters in her luxurious apartment at the Kew Gardens Inn, Kew Gardens, L. I., and told them she was mortified and hurt that such rumors had gone about.

As a matter of fact, Peaches was even indignant. After that stage had been passed, she was pacified and consented to pose for pictures after some deliberation. She said her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Heenan, had been quite worked up over her reported suicide.

Incidentally, she told reporters the scars left on her face by acid thrown by a mysterious person would soon be obliterated.

"They're going to give me radium treatments," Peaches said. "Isn't that grand?"

(An installment of Peaches Browning's thrilling love diary, printed exclusively in The GRAPHIC, will be found today on Page 13.)

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